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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION

REF: (A) LAGOS 3063; (B) STATE 69819

1. FOR PAST FOUR MONTHS SENIOR NIGERIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH AVIATION HAVE TENDED TO ASSUME THAT JOHN BAKER WOULD BE THEIR DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IF THERE IS AN FAA PROGRAM HERE. YESTERDAY, TRANSPORT PERMSEC LONGE REFLECTED THIS VIEW ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FAA ASSISTANCE. SINCE REFTEL (B) CONFIRMED THAT IT NOW QUITE "UNLIKELY" BAKER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR NIGERIA, EMBASSY OFFICER TOOK OCCASION TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO LONGE.

2. SOMEWHAT TO OUR SURPRISE, LONGE TOOK NEWS WITHOUT BATTLING AN EYELASH. HE SAID THAT NATURALLY HE WAS DISAPPOINTED, AS WOULD BE OTHER NIGERIAN AVIATION OFFICIALS WHO, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, WERE IMPRESSED BY BAKER. HE SAID THAT MOT WOULD SIMPLY ASK THAT FAA MAKE AVAILABLE AN ALTERNATE CANDIDATE OF SIMILAR GRADE WITH A SOLID BASE OF EXPERIENCE. HE WAS REASSURED TO LEARN THAT BAKER PERSONALLY WILLING TO ASSURE THAT A GOOD ALTERNATE WOULD BE PRESENTED.

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3. LONGE ALSO APPRECIATED BAKER' S OFFER TO RETURN TO NIGERIA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN STRUCTURING FAA PROGRAM. LONGE SAID THAT ACCEPTANCE THIS OFFER WOULD DEPEND UPON OUTCOME OF HIS EXAMINATION OF TEAM CONCEPT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING THROUGH AN AID LOAN.
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(3) FUTURE PROGRAM. MISSION NOTES THAT PARKHILL, CANADIAN CHAIRMAN OF COMPUTER/ COMMUNICATIONS PANEL, HAS STATED THAT PANEL' S TASK NOW COMPLETE IN TERMS OF PRESENT MANDATE. NEW PROGRAM DIRECTIONS AND TASKS DISCUSSED BY PANEL MAY 3-4 WOULD BEST STEM FROM CST MAY 2 IPG/ CUG FORUM THAT US MEMBER OF COMMUNICATIONS PANEL MIGHT USEFULLY ATTEND.
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